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## REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION AND RESET OF STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicants have received an Office Action, dated May 25, 2004, which finally rejects claims 1-8 of the application.

However, in the Reply filed October 14, 2003, the
Applicants added a new claim 9, which has not been treated in
the current Office Action. Accordingly, the Applicants
request treatment of claim 9, in a new Office Action with a
reset statutory period for response.

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